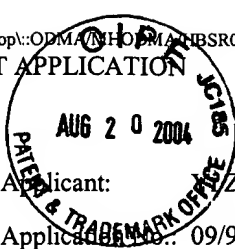


PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Application No.: 09/922,226

Group: 1646

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For: METHODS OF SCREENING FOR COMPOUNDS THAT MODULATE HORMONE RECEPTOR ACTIVITY

Date: August 20, 2004EXPRESS MAIL LABEL NO. EV215728802 USPETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for filing a response to the Office Action dated February 24, 2004 for three (3) months from May 24, 2004 to August 24, 2004 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

In lieu of the specified Reply, Applicants submit herewith the extension fee to maintain copendency of the instant application with a Continuation application which is submitted concurrently

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1 month -	_____ \$ 55	_____ \$ 110
2 months -	_____ \$ 210	_____ \$ 420
3 months -	_____ \$ 475	<u>  X  </u> \$ 950
4 months -	_____ \$ 740	_____ \$1,480
5 months -	_____ \$1,005	_____ \$2,010

[ X ] A check is enclosed in the amount of the extension fee indicated above, or the extension fee has been included in the check with the accompanying Reply.

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Respectfully submitted,

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